

Medway June 8 1775

Whereas I the Subscriber having been Entertained with a free & plain Conversation, by the Commth of Correspondence & the Selectmen of this Town Relative to Some Suspensions & Jealousies of my being unfriendly, & inimical to the just rights & Liberties of America & the Constitution of the Province, & Whereas being well Sensible, that by ^{some former} Conversation & Conduct, I have given just Cause for the^s Suspensions, & that being, Sensible I cannot Enjoy Happiness in Society without a Charitable Opinion of the People Among whom I Live, Therefore that the^s Jealousies may be removed & that the Charitable Opinion of my Neighbours & Acquaintance may be restored Towards me in that respect, Do now in this manner freely & Sincerely manifest my Sentiments & Resolutions in the following manner

That, as to the Authority of the British Parliament for Passing Acts Binding in all Cases whatsoever in America, is, As I apprehend, unconstitutional.

That as to the late Acts of the British Parliament for Blocking the Harbour of Boston, & Altering the Civil Constitution of the Province, &c are as I apprehend, very grievous unjustifiable Acts, & that no Obedience Ought to be yielded or forced thereunto

And Although I cannot see any reason or Justice in any of the riotous Actions in the late unhappy Times, yet I Sincerely Declare that I am free & Willing to exert myself in every just Constitutional way for the Recovery & Preservation of the rights Liberties & Constitution Afores^d, & that for the future I am Determined, to Adhere Strictly to the Advices of the Continental & Provincial Congresses.

& that I will do nothing whatsoever directly or indirectly to Obstruct or Defeat in any wise, The plan & measures Adapted by Congress for the Purpose of Recovering & Preserving the^s rights, the right Liberties & Constitution Afores^d.

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Witness my hand

Elisha Adams